CENTRAL EXCISE: As on 1.1.1992 a sum of Rs. 7.80 crores approximately is outstanding against the Company.

(c) *INCOME TAX*: Outstanding demand of Rs. 83.72 lakhs cannot be recovered in view of stay granted by the Bombay High Court. Moreover, recently on 31.7.1992 a refund of Rs. 3.60 crores for A. Y. 1991-92 has been determined under section 143(1)(a).

CENTRAL EXCISE: The Central Excise demand could not be recovered as most of it is stayed by various authorities.

Deposit mobilisation by banks

3785. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 85 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th July, 1992 and state:

(b) whether it is a fact that the foreign banks operating in India are ahead in deposit mobilisation as compared to various Indian Banks; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that the rate o-f growth of deposits of foreign bnaks in 1991-92 was higher than the rate for Indian banks;

(b) The performance of foreign banks in Indian *vis-a-vis* public sector banks is not comparable because the branches of foreign banis in India are located in metropolitan cities and port towns whereas the branches of public sector banks are spread all over the country covering semi-urban and rural areas also. Moreover, foreign banks have world-wide net works of branches which enable them to attract more deposits from Non Resident Indians.

Floating of bonds for Krishna Valley projects

3786. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that allocation for irrigation projects of Maharashtra is for short than the need for completing the Krishna Valley projects before the year 2000;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government of Maharashtra have requested him to grant permission to float bonds for public borrowings for the propose; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) It may not be possible for the Maharashtra Government to complete all the proposed major and medium irrigation projects in Krishna basin by the year 2000 on the basis of approved outlay as it stands now.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. However, the present scheme of public sector bonds is restricted to only those undertakings where entire equity is held by Central Government.

Power projects of Maharashtra

3787. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SURENDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the present status of pending power projects of Maharashtra namely, (i) Parlio (March 1986); (ii) Dabol combined Cycle Gas based (March 1989); (iii) Thakurli T.P.S. (Aug. 1983); (iv) Ujani (May 1978); and (v) Bhusawal B. capacity-2000 M.W. Pending since July, 1980; and

(b) by when these will be cleared and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) The present status of the thermal power stations in Maharashtra is given in the Statement enclosed. (*See* below). These projects are not in a state of readiness for techno-economic appraisal by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA). They could receive techno-economic clearance only after the Maharashtra State Electricity Boaro (MSEB) have tied up essential inputs/clearances in respect of them.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Capacity	Present Status
1.	Parli 'C' Thermal Power Station .	2*210 MW	Coal linkage and en vironmental clearance are not available MSEB has also been advised to submit a revised scheme for 2×250 MW/1×500 MW to take techno-economic advantages of the unit size.
2.	Dabhol Gas based Combined Cycle Thermal Power Station.	760 MW (4×120MW GT + 2×140 MW ST)	The scheme is not being pursued in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) as gas linkage, water availability, clearance from environmental angle (Centre/State) and compliance of Section 29 of Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 have not been tied up by the MSEB.
3.	Thakurli Thermal Power Station Unit 1 & 2	2×210 MW	The proposal envisaged use of gase in conventional boilers which is considered less efficient and un-economical. Accordingly, the scheme was returned by CEA to the MSEB in Feb., 1989. The revised scheme of 410 MW submitted by the MESB in January, 1991 was again examined by CEA in Feb., 1991 when it was decided that it would be set up by the Railways. The scheme could be considered as and when it is received from the Railways.
4.	Ujani Thermal Power Station	2×500 MW	This schme has been dropped on account of its nearness to the proposed Atomic Power Station as well as non-availability of coal linkage.
5.	Bhusawal 'B' (Hatnur) Thermal Power Station.	4×500 MW	The scheme was dropped in August, 81 on account of non-availability of coal. Based on the suggestions of the Site Selection Committee, MSEB has been advised to undertake detailed site investigations and submit the revised Feasibility Report which has not been submitted by the MSEB so far.